

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, dated March 7, 2005, Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly define the invention. Consequently, Applicant requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 rejections set forth by the Examiner. Applicant submits that the references of record, whether considered alone or in combination, fail to either teach or suggest Applicant's presently claimed invention.

Applicants have modified the claims to specify that an annotation file is automatically created by the user's equipment without the user's intervention. This is advantageous because it provides an unobtrusive manner in which only a desired portion of a multimedia presentation is identified and presented to the user. As a result, a user can save time because he or she need not fast forward through undesired portions or manually create annotation files. Nonetheless, the user is able to quickly view only a desired and specified portion of a multimedia presentation. The present invention is far superior to the present systems which require manual manipulation and development of an annotation file.

The references of record fail to teach or suggest these advances in the art. Gupta et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,546,405, is directed to systems and methods which allow a user to add substantive content to a multimedia document to thereby annotate, comment upon, and augment the multimedia document. See Col. 2, lines 14-19. In addition, Gupta et al.

discloses that a user may jump within the playback of a multimedia document to a particular time associated with a temporal annotation. See Col. 2, lines 54-64. Specifically, Gupta et al. discloses that a viewer of a multimedia document can add to the substantive content and associate such content with a particular time by creating a temporal annotation. Col. 4, lines 28-34. This temporal annotation is stored in a temporal annotation database such that display of the original multimedia document includes and synchronizes display if the substantive content of the temporal annotation. Col. 4, lines 40-44. However, Gupta et al. requires that either a viewer or another individual utilize an authoring system to manually determine a desired temporal location and author an annotation file. This is simply different than the systems and methods of the present invention which determine a desired portion of a multimedia presentation based on a predefined criterion and automatically create an annotation file with a desired specified portion for display.

Kelly et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,907,322, is directed to systems and methods that allow a viewer to select a broadcast event, store a set of data associated with each selected broadcast event as an activity record in an activity table, transmit the activity table to a database with information relating to TV program schedules as well as TV and web advertisements, generate a set of associated network locations or website hotlinks, and allow the viewer to access and view the generated set of internet locations and websites. See Col. 1, lines 54-65. Kelly et al. simply does not teach or suggest methods and systems which automatically create annotation files based on predefined criterion.

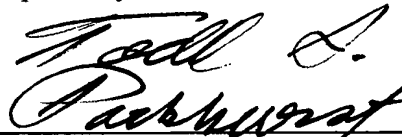
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In fact, neither Gupta et al. or Kelly et al., alone or in combination, teach or suggest the advances in the present invention.

Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.
Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now stand in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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